

# CITY OF MIAMI BEACH

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## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor David Dermer and  
Members of the City Commission

**Date:** April 14, 2004

**From:** Jorge M. Gonzalez  
City Manager

**Subject: REPORT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 22, 2004**

A meeting of the Neighborhood / Community Affairs Committee was held on March 22, 2004 at 3:30 p.m. in the City Manager's Large Conference Room. Commissioners in attendance: Simon Cruz, Saul Gross, and Richard Steinberg. City staff in attendance: Robert Parcher, City Clerk; Donald Papy, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Barbara Hawayek, Neighborhood Services. Others in attendance are listed in the attached sign-in sheet.

Confirmed Commissioner Simon Cruz as Chairperson and Commissioner Saul Gross as vice-Chairperson for this committee.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **DISCUSSION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MIAMI BEACH CITY CODE CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III "AGENCIES, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES," SECTION 2-22(5) THEREOF ESTABLISHING TERM LIMITS OF BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS, BY PROVIDING THAT SAID TERM LIMITS SHOULD NOT INCLUDE TIME SERVED AS A RESULT OF HAVING FILLED A VACANCY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Action:** Item deferred to the next Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee meeting at the request of Commissioner Bower (not present).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

2. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE USE OF CHANNEL 20 TO BROADCAST PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Item discussion included Commissioners Garcia, Gross, and Steinberg. Additional participation from Bob Parcher, Don Papy, and Kevin Garrity.

**Action:** The Committee directed the Administration to produce a piece on AIDS prevention, consulting with those that are aware on this issue, ensuring that the message is clear and that the administration produce the video to be aired on channel 20.

**3. DISCUSSION REGARDING ADDITIONAL CRITERIA BE ADDED TO EXISTING CITY'S HUMAN RIGHTS ORDINANCE.**

Item discussion included Commissioners Garcia, Cruz, and Steinberg. Additional participation from Heddy Pena, Don Papy, Karen Doering, Juan Jover, Rajindra Narinesingh, Kevin Garrity, Stratton Pollitzer, and Robert Parcher.

**Item comprised of three sections discussed individually:**

- a. To expand the current domestic partner registry to include all Miami Beach residents, not just its employees and further to have the City Clerk's office carry out the responsibility of issuing to those who qualify a certificate acknowledging domestic partnership.
- b. To include the transgender community in our anti-discrimination language, which is not currently defined in the City's Charter.
- c. Request that the City's vendors and/or contractors honor the human rights ordinance and to incorporate this legislation for all who reside or do business within the City of Miami Beach.

**Action:**

- a. The committee directed a review of a domestic partner registry model ordinance, for the City Attorney's Office to circulate this model prior to the next meeting to address any comments as they relate to our municipality, and then bring back for further discussion.
- b. The committee directed to bring this item back for further discussion to include the recommended definitions of gender for the charter and the longer version for the ordinance at the same time as the registry item above.
- c. The committee directed to bring this item back for further discussion along with some parameters for this ordinance to be carried out.

Attachments

JMG/RCM/VPG/rfm